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- 1. MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WE HAVE INFORMED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT WE WOULD PREFER THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11. HOWEVER, WE ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE THIRD WEEK IN OCTOBER IF THE MARINE RESOURCES ISSUE IS NOT LIKLEY TO COME UP. THE VENUE HAS YET TO BE ESTABLISHED BUT IS LIKELY TO BE EITHER HAWAII OR PONAPE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
- 2. MULDOON VISIT- WE HAVE RECEIVED PRIME MINISTER CONFIDENTIAL

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MULDOON'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FROM THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY. HE WILL BE IN THE US NOVEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 12. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR HIM TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 21 AND LEAVE ON NOVEMBER 24 (THANKSGIVING) AT 10:30 AM FOR GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA. IN ADDITION TO HIS OFFICIAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, HE WILL ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. OTHER STOPS INCLUDE ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS

CITY, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HONOLULU, WHERE HE WILL BE BRIEFED BY CINCPAC, MOST OF THESE STOPS WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARD

TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION.

3. DISPUTED ISLANDS: NOT ATOLL THAT SIMPLE - THE CONGRESSIONAL RECESS HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO LINE UP CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS AND MEMBERS FOR BRIEFING OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE OUR CLAIMS TO DISPUTED ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS EFFORT UNDERWAY THIS WEEK. ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE IS HARDLY A BURNING ONE, H IS CONCERNED THAT GIVEN THE ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY PROBLEM, THERE MAY BE SOME SENSITIVITY ON THE HILL ABOUT GIVING UP CLAIMS TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER EVEN SMALL SPECKS OF TERRITORY. VANCE

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